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Listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (original) A discharge lamp comprising a ceramic discharge vessel enclosing a discharge space, said discharge vessel including within said discharge space an ionizable material comprising a metal halide, a first and second discharge electrode feedthrough means, and a first and second current conductor connected to said first and second discharge electrode feedthrough means, respectively;

said lamp having a molybdenum coil wrapped around the discharge vessel and at least a portion of the electrode feed through means, and having a power range of about 150W to about 1000W and exhibiting one or more of a characteristic selected from the group consisting of a CCT (correlated color temperature) of about 3800 to about 4500K, a CRI (color rendering index) of about 70 to about 95, a MPCD (mean perceptible color difference) of about ±10, and a luminous efficacy up to about 85-95 lumens/watt.

- 2. (original) A lamp as claimed in Claim 1 retrofit with ballasts designed for high pressure sodium or quartz metal halide lamps.
- 3. (original) A discharge lamp having a power range of about 150W to about 1000W and comprising a ceramic discharge vessel enclosing a discharge space, said discharge vessel including within said discharge space an ionizable material comprising a metal halide, a first and second discharge electrode C:\PROFESSIONAL\PhilipsAMDS2003\PHUS010246amd.doc

feedthrough means, and a first and second current conductor connected to said first and second discharge electrode feedthrough means, respectively;

wherein the ceramic discharge vessel includes an arc tube comprising:

- a cylindrical barrel having a central axis and a pair of opposed end walls,
- a pair of ceramic end plugs extending from respective end walls along said axis,
- a pair of lead-ins extending through respective end plugs, said lead-ins being connected to respective electrodes which are spaced apart in said central barrel,

wherein the electrode feedthrough means each have a leadin of niobium which is hermetically sealed into the arc tube, a
central portion of molybdenum/aluminum cermet, a molybdenum rod
portion and a tungsten tip having a winding of tungsten, and
wherein said lamp has a molybdenum coil attached to the arc
tube and at least a portion of the ceramic end plugs.

- 4. (original) A lamp as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the arc tube has a molybdenum coil wrapped around a substantial portion and around at least a portion of the ceramic end plugs.
- 5. (original) A lamp as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the discharge space contains an ionizable filling of an inert gas, a metal halide, and mercury.
- 6. (original) A lamp as claimed in Claim 5 wherein, said discharge vessel has a ceramic wall and is closed by a ceramic plug, said electrode feedthrough means including at least one tungsten electrode which is connected to a niobium electric C:\PROFESSIONAL\PhilipsAMDS2003\PHUS010246amd.doc

current conductor by means of a leadthrough element which projects into the ceramic plug with a tight fit, is connected thereto in a gastight manner by means of a sealing ceramic and has a part formed from aluminum and molybdenum which forms a cermet at the area of the gastight connection.

- 7. (original) A lamp as claimed in Claim 5, wherein, said discharge vessel has a ceramic wall and is closed by a ceramic plug, said electrode feedthrough means including at least one tungsten electrode which is connected to a niobium electric current conductor by means of a leadthrough element which projects into the ceramic plug with a tight fit, is connected thereto in a gastight manner by means of a sealing ceramic and has a first part formed from aluminum and molybdenum which forms a cermet at the area of the gastight connection and a second part which is a metal part and extends from the cermet in the direction of the electrode.
- 8. (original) A lamp as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the metal part is a molybdenum rod.
- 9. (original) A lamp as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the arc tube has an aspect ratio (IL/ID) in the range of about 3.3 to about 6.2.
- 10. (original) A lamp as claimed in Claims 6 and 7, wherein the electrode has a tip extension in the range of about 0.2 to about 0.5mm; the cermet contains at least about 35 wt.% Mo with the remainder being Al_2O_3 , and the as sealing ceramic flow completely covers the Nb connector.

11. (original) A lamp as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the arc tube and the electrode feedthrough means have the following characteristics for a given lamp power:

Powe	er IL	ID	IL/ID	Wall	Wall	Rod	Rod
				Loading	Thickness	Diameter	Length
M	mm	mm	aspect	W/cm^2	mm	mm	mm
			ratio,mm				
150	26-32	5-7	3.3-6.2	20-35	0.8-1.1	0.4-0.6	3-6
200	27-32	6.5-7.5	3.3-6.2	25-30	0.85-1.2	0.4-0.6	4-8
250	28-34	7.5-8.5	3.3-6.2	25-35	0.9-1.3	0.7-1.0	6-10
300	30-36	8-9	3.3-6.2	25-37	0.92-1.4	0.7-1.0	6-10
350	33-40	8.5-10	3.3-6.2	24-40	0.98-1.48	0.7-1.1	6-11
400	36-45	8.5-11	3.3-6.2	22-40	1.0-1.5	0.7-1.1	6-11

- 12. (original) A lamp as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said metal halide comprises the following salts of 6-25 wt% NaI, 5-6 wt% TlI, 34-37 wt% CaI₂, 11-18 wt% DyI₃, 11-18 wt% HoI₃, and 11-18 wt% TmI₃.
- 13. (original) A lamp as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the ionizable filling is a mixture of about 99.99% of Xenon and a trace amount of Kr-85 radioactive gas.
- 14. (original) A lamp as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the ionizable filling is a one or more rare gases, such as Neon, Argon, Krypton and Xenon.
- 15. (original) A lamp as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the ionizable filling is Xenon.
- 16. (original) A lamp as claimed in Claim 1, 5, and 13, having a c:\PROFESSIONAL\PhilipsAMDS2003\PHUS010246amd.doc

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power range of about 150W to about 1000W and 100V to 263V, and one or more of the following characteristics: a lumen maintenance of >80%, a color temperature shift <200K from 100 to 10,000 hours, and lifetime of about 10,000 to about 25,000 hours.